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Harold J. Bayerl

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Dear Harold J. Bayerl,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of Protest/Comments to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your Letter of Protest/Comments will be placed in the Protest File of the Docket listed below and on the Commission's Website at www.psc.sc.gov.

- Docket No. 2019-281-S - Application of Palmetto Utilities, Incorporated for Adjustment (Increase) of Rates and Charges, Terms and Conditions, for Sewer Service Provided to Customers in Its Richland and Kershaw County Service Areas

A Protestant is an individual objecting on the ground of private or public interest to the approval of an Application, Petition, Motion or other matters which the Commission may have under consideration. A Protestant may offer sworn testimony but cannot cross-examine witnesses offered by other parties.

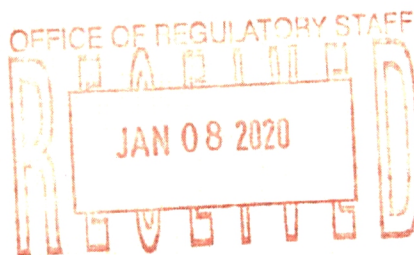
According to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, filing a Protest does not make you a Party of Record. A Protestant desiring to become an Intervenor (i.e., a Party of Record) in a proceeding before the Commission may file a Petition for Intervention within the time prescribed by the Commission.

You can follow this Docket and other daily filings made at the Commission by subscribing to the Commission's Email Subscriptions at this link: <https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Web/Email>; or you can follow the individual Docket at the link listed below:

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If we may be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,
Becky Latimer



Columbia, S. Carolina
January 5, 2020

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Columbia, S. Carolina

Dear Commission Members:

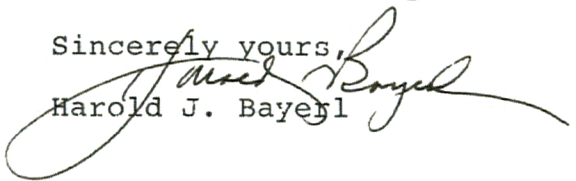
I write in reference to Docket # 2019-281-S.

I wish to register my objection to the request by Palmetto Utilities, Inc. for a rate increase. The amount of the increase appears to be approximately 25% which seems to be extremely high. As a single occupant of a house where the typical monthly water bill averages approximately \$23.00 I am already paying the very high rate of \$52.10 per month for sewage service.

Since I own houses in other localities serviced by other sewage companies I am able to compare cost. One which comes to mind is a house serviced by the East Richland County Public Service District. There the cost for sewer service is about \$27.00 per month. I wonder what is going on at Palmetto Utilities which makes the cost of their service so expensive. Perhaps, rather than increase the service cost Palmetto Utilities should hire someone who could illustrate how to be more efficient. There must be gross inefficiency, extremely high salaries or some combination thereof to necessitate constant increases on top of a very high base rate.

Your attention to my concerns will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,


Harold J. Bayerl

CC: Palmetto Utilities